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SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Dierks, referring to what Senator Chambers refers to as the gadget and punching in for the fiscal note, it says it is estimated that the fiscal impact to the state to withdraw from the compact would not be significant. I think that we should withdraw from the compact, Senator Dierks, but I would like to know one thing. Do you have an estimate of what it could cost us?

SENATOR DIERKS: The estimate that I have that it could cost us would be \$25,000 per year, which is actually the dues that we owe the compact for the five years we'll remain in it.

SENATOR TYSON: Are we now being sued?

SENATOR DIERKS: We're...I'm not sure how to answer that. There is a lawsuit, but it is...it is with the licensing division. Actually, it's with...the lawsuit is with...against Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and I think Governor Nelson. I'm not sure who all is involved with it, but there's a list of people that are involved, but there is a lawsuit. They're suing...

SENATOR TYSON: And that lawsuit...

SENATOR DIERKS: ...they're suing because we denied a license.

SENATOR TYSON: And that lawsuit is in the nature of \$70 million?

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I don't believe so. I don't think there's any...I'm not sure that there's even a number in it. I think they're just trying to overturn the licensing decision.

SENATOR TYSON: But there isn't...there is no dollar...

SENATOR DIERKS: I haven't seen a dollar amount. I don't know of one. Maybe Senator Kristensen knows.

SENATOR TYSON: Okay, then let me ask Senator Kristensen then, if I may. Senator, do you have any idea?